

MCH 2015
KANSAS MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH 5-YEAR NEEDS ASSESSMENT
2011-2015 State Goals and Priorities by Population

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Pregnant Women and Infants

Goal: Enhance the health of Kansas women and infants across the lifespan.

- All women receive early and comprehensive care before, during and after pregnancy
- Improve mental health and behavioral health of pregnant women and new mothers
- Reduce preterm births (including low birth weight and infant mortality)
- Increase initiation, duration and exclusivity of breastfeeding

Children and Adolescents

Goal: Enhance the health of Kansas children and adolescents across the lifespan.

- All children and youth receive health care through medical homes
- Reduce child and adolescent risk behaviors relating to alcohol, tobacco and other drugs
- All children and youth achieve and maintain healthy weight

Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN)

Goal: Enhance the health of all Kansas children and youth with special health care needs across the lifespan.

- All CYSHCN receive coordinated, comprehensive care within a medical home
- Improve the capacity of YSHCN to achieve maximum potential in all aspects of adult life, including appropriate health care, meaningful work, and self-determined independence
- Financing for CYSHCN services minimizes financial hardship for their families

Executive Summary:

As a recipient of about \$4.6 million from the federal Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Services Title V Block Grant Program, Kansas is required to complete a statewide maternal and child health needs assessment every five years. This needs assessment, referred to as MCH 2015 because it covers the period 2011 to 2015, resulted in the identification of 10 priority needs for the Kansas maternal and child health population over the next five years.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) Bureau of Family Health (BFH) administers the funds and coordinated the MCH 2015 needs assessment. The mission of the Bureau of Family Health, which was also adopted as a mission of the MCH 2015 planning process, is to “provide leadership to enhance the health of Kansas women and children through partnerships with families and communities.”

From Fall 2009 through Spring 2010, Expert Panels collaborated in the MCH 2015 needs assessment process. Approximately 65 external stakeholders along with 20 MCH program staff from the Bureau of Family Health participated. They reviewed data, determined potential priorities, identified strengths and weaknesses, noted current partnerships and initiatives, assessed available resources and capacity, and identified potential strategies for the selected priorities. After initial priority selection and strategy identification, MCH program staff developed logic models and action plans for implementing each priority. In mapping out the implementation specifics, some priorities and strategies were refined based on available resources and assessed capacity. Meeting notifications and handouts, data presentations, and interim results were posted on a public website throughout the process.

The beginning of the federal fiscal year on October 1, 2010 marks the official start of the five year period addressing these priorities. Between 2010 and 2015, strategies and action steps identified through MCH2015 will be implemented, results will be monitored and evaluated, and adjustments will be made as needed to continue improving the health of Kansas women, infants, and children.